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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAYS BACHELET IS ""70 PERCENT THERE ON OPPOSING VENEZUELA'S UNSC CANDIDACYOFFERS OBSERVATIONS ON BACHELET'S

Classified By: Ambassador Craig A. Kelly. Reasons: 1.4 (b and d).

1. (C) Summary: A mid-level, well-connected Foreign Ministry official told the Embassy on May 11 that in his view President Bachelet was ""70

2. (C) A mid-level Foreign Ministry official told the Embassy on May 11 that he thought President Bachelet was ""70 percent there"" on opposir

3. (C) The MFA official (who does not know Bachelet personally) commented that more so than past center-left Concertacion presidents, Bachele

4. (C) The official added that given Bachelet's close inner circle and personal decision-making style, her ministers may not always know where

5. (C) The official downplayed the influence of internal Concertacion coalition politics on Bachelet's thinking on Venezuela. While acknowle

6. (C) The official noted that Chile's domestic energy needs, and Bachelet's desire to develop a regional approach to energy, might be part of

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